

SPEAKER WITHEM: The amendment is adopted. We will now go to the motion listed that was to be brought up at 11:00 a.m. Clerk advises me that we are...as we are considering a reconsideration of a vote taken on Final Reading, the body ought to be in the Final Reading posture. So I'd ask the Sergeant at Arms to secure the Chamber and members should be in their seats. Unauthorized parties should leave the floor. With that, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to reconsider the vote on final passage of LB 296. Senator Beutler's motion is found on page 1221 of the Journal, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Withem, members of the Legislature, I appreciate this opportunity to reconsider on 296. As you all may recall, 296 came up the very first thing on Monday morning and there were a lot of people who weren't here, and it had a lot of opposition that I had not anticipated at that particular point in time. So I guess I would ask for your reconsideration, first of all, to get a fair vote on the bill, a consideration that you all would want if you were caught in that particular position. But I want to remind you what 296 does. It just, I know I'm idealist, I guess, but it just doesn't seem to me like this bill should have the opposition that it does because it has such a powerful, positive influence on family life in the state, on recreation in the state, and on making this kind of state the kind of state that people want to come and live in and enjoy the outdoors and the opportunities here. LB 296 does three things. First of all, you'll recall that it gives us access to some additional federal funds. If 296 does not pass we will lose immediately \$180,000 in potential federal assistance, in building trails and developing trails. And should we not pass it, next year we would lose another \$180,000. So there's an immediate loss of federal funds. That fund requires 50 percent matching funds, but there's been a lot of private money going into trails in Nebraska, that matching money would be easy, in the current atmosphere, to attain. So I think it's fair to say that we are losing a good hunk of money if we do not pass LB 296. Second thing, and I think most important for everybody who's interested in trails one way or another, the major thing that this bill does is to say with respect to users of the